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Oshkosh-based 1157th Transportation Company ordered to active duty in June

For the second time in the past four years, soldiers of the Wisconsin Army National Guard's 1157th Transportation Company will be answering a call to active federal service. Gov. Jim Doyle made the announcement today during a news conference at the Guard's state headquarters in Madison. The 1157th, with about 170 soldiers assigned, received an alert notification in mid-January and a mobilization order Jan. 31. The unit will enter active duty June 14.

After reporting on active duty in Oshkosh, the unit will train for several months at a mobilization station in Indiana before deploying to Southwest Asia for an overseas mission expected to last up to one full year.

On Sept. 27, 2002, the 1157th Transportation Company was ordered to active duty to provide transportation support to Army Special Operations Support Command and other units stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. That mission was completed in mid-August 2003.

Because the unit already served an active duty tour, some 1157th soldiers will not be required to join the upcoming mobilization. About 75 soldiers who were ordered to active duty with the unit in 2002 will be mobilized in June only if they volunteer. The Wisconsin National Guard will fill any vacant positions with qualified soldiers from other Wisconsin units.

In September 2005, the 1157th Transportation Company was among a dozen Wisconsin National Guard units ordered to active duty by Gov. Doyle to support Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in Louisiana. The unit sent 104 soldiers, 47 5-ton cargo trucks, 10 tractor trailers, two 2-1/2 ton cargo trucks and one wrecker to provide transportation support from Naval Air Station New Orleans in Belle Chasse, La. The 1157th spent about two weeks on hurricane relief duty and returned to Oshkosh Sept. 16.

The 1157th Transportation Company was also mobilized in December 1990 and served overseas for about five months in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

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